

Notice

The regular annual meeting of the General Missionary Board, will be held at the Assembly grounds, Winona Park, Ind., on Tuesday at 10 A. M., August 29, 1899. It is very desirable that every member of the Board be present at this meeting if possible. There is some important business that will come before the Board, looking to the future of the work, and its management in the Missions already established. We hope that each member of the Board will feel that you are responsible for a work committed to you, and let us give that work all and every attention that we would our own private personal business. Pray do not think that because it is church affairs that it can be neglected. It is the Lord's business, which he thru the church committed to us, and let us therefore do it in the fear of the Lord.

J. O. TALLEY, President of Board.

Bryan, O.

Almost two months have passed since our removal to this place. We had many ideas concerning the place and people previous to moving here, as to how we would like it, what kind of people we would labor with. We are glad to find that our ideas were not in vain. Thus far we feel at home with them, perhaps better than they do with us. The blow that this church received while in its infancy is a wonder it is in existence at this time. The only way we can account for it is, that "God has opened a door and no man can shut it." Our courage is never strengthened by looking on the dark side of life and neglecting the bright, so we try to always look for better days and better work and greater reward for our labor. If we hope for good things we are more apt to work for them.

The Bryan class, in our estimation, needs no recommendation, they are that themselves. Especially do I feel impressed with the work of the S. S. C. E. What sacrifice they have made and are making. Were their labors, as they make it, for personal gain, we should say covetousness, but as it is, we can only say, a great zeal for the Lord's work. Our communion was well attended and good results are sure to follow.

Bethesda. This is the field where conservatism shook their modern sieve to strain out gnats only to swallow camels, some of which are not yet swallowed. The door was locked, the gnats excluded, the room was swept and garnished, (?) but the gnats are yet alive and up to the Lord's work. This is the field where Brethren Shively, Rittenhouse and others in years gone by have sown the seed of gospel truth, and today the fruits of their labor are plainly to be seen and growing in strength. The Bethesda class is alive, our attendance and interest good, and like the Bryan class they are blest with a good S. S. C. E. Here too our communion was well attended and the best of interest prevailed. Both communions were held on Sunday evening and the quietness of the audience proved to us that Sunday evenings are no more sub-

ject to rough attendants than any other evenings.

Our only hope and trust is that love for each other may always prevail, that prejudice and reflection may never be seen nor heard. To this end we shall strive. And may our pastoral year, when it has closed, be one that shows spiritual progress along all lines. We must not forget to make mention of Bro. Welty's labor. We are pleased to shake hands with his converts and know that they were received into the church by one of my schoolmates while we were in Ashland together. May the Lord bless him in his new field of labor.

S. B. GRISSE.

Enon Church, Waterloo, Iowa

Brother Gillin asked me to write for the EVANGELIST for July. I believe there is no special church news since our pastor's report. Our services are kept up as usual. The attendance is good for a country church at this time of year. We have prayer meeting at three different points each week. These meetings are not so well attended as they should be. Am glad to say Brother Gillin's wife has united with us. She has been an interested worker since her residence among us and we appreciate her labors. We feel the loss of our boys that were taken from us so suddenly very much. They are missed in the S. S. and K. C., for they were willing workers. Brother Jonas Flickinger is afflicted with blindness and suffers a great deal. He too, is missed at our services, as he was seldom absent when it was possible for him to be there. I for one enjoy the letters from the churches and wish there were more of them.

CORA SNYDER.

Gravelton, Ind.

As we have not reported to the EVANGELIST for some time we feel it our duty to write a few lines. The work at Gravelton and Syracuse is going along very nicely. The interest in both churches is good. At our last appointment at Gravelton we received a young sister into our midst by baptism. This is two that have united with us by baptism since our last report. O, that the work may continue to go on with Jesus as our leader. All praise and glory shall be his.

C. M. MARKS.

Syracuse, Ind.

The union meeting of Kosciusco county was held here over last Sunday July 15 and 16. A large tent was erected to hold the meeting in as our house is small and we expected a large crowd but on Saturday we had a steady down pour of rain nearly all day, consequently we did not have any meeting in the afternoon. In the evening the meeting was held in the church when a part of the program was rendered. Sunday morning Sunday school was held in the tent. After the lesson was read we had short talks on the Sunday-school by the ministers who were present. The collection was then ta-

ken amounting to \$1.75 which is to be sent to Brother Lyon for the Washington City church building. While this is a small amount it is a nucleus around which other contributions can gather and if every school in the brotherhood will send in a few special collections it will go a long way toward erecting a house of worship in our capital where people from all over the world gather and there can have an opportunity to hear the gospel preached. After Sunday-school brother C. F. Yoder preached an excellent sermon on Christianity of today which was listened to with much attention. In the afternoon Brother Rensch delivered one of his soul cheering sermons and in the evening brother C. H. Mark, our pastor, preached the closing sermon.

While the rain interfered with the meeting and the crowd was not as large as it would have been had the weather been favorable yet we thank God for sending us the refreshing showers on the parched earth and feel that he also sent us spiritual showers and we hope much good will result from this meeting.

REBECCA GALLAGHER.

Roanoke, Ind.

Our annual Harvest meeting is August 5, 1899. We extend an invitation to our brethren and sisters everywhere. Brother J. Allen Miller is programmed for the occasion. We have other able clergyman who are programmed for that day also.

Our church is progressing. Nothing exciting however, but alive and doing a good work. We are in the drowsy season of the year. Extremely hot sultry days and nights. Very uncomfortable for man and beast. We hope to do better by and by.

Our Sunday school is among the best in the community. Brother J. P. Young is at the wheel this time, and he is making it go. Our literature is strong enough for us. Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, United Brethren literature are no stronger than ours. In fact *we have the best.*

Zion Hill Church, Ohio

We feel to praise God this morning from whom all blessings flow. Truly we all should be grateful for life and strength and for all his benefits bestowed upon us. Last Sabbath our services at Zion Hill were not so largely attended as usual on account of a funeral held near by. But nevertheless the Holy Spirit was with us and we were again made to rejoice by three persons responding to the invitation given by our pastor, Brother Kieffer. We don't have great things to report from this place as some churches do but the good work continues to move along and we gather them in at our regular appointments. We have services every two weeks morning and evening. We feel encouraged at this place. May we all prove faithful until the end and finally meet in the great beyond.

MRS. C. B. SCHLOSSNAGEL.

Wooster, O.